

**BALLISTIC MISSILE DEFENSE**

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded hearings to examine the threat of ballistic missile attacks on the United States, the need for missile defenses, and proposals for the United States' withdrawal from the Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty arms control agreement, after receiving testimony from Henry F. Cooper, former Director, Strategic Defense Initiative Organization and Chief U.S. Negotiator to the Geneva Defense and Space Talks with the Soviet Union; William R. Graham, former Director, White House Office of Science and Technology Policy and Science Advisor to President Reagan; and Jack Mendelsohn, Arms Control Association, Washington, D.C.

**POSTAL SERVICE ACTIVITIES**

*Committee on Governmental Affairs:* Committee concluded hearings to review the annual report of the

Postmaster General, after receiving testimony from Marvin Runyon, Postmaster General/Chief Executive Officer, and Michael S. Coughlin, Deputy Postmaster General, both of the United States Postal Service.

**REFUGEE CONSULTATION**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded hearings to review the annual refugee consultation process, after receiving testimony from Timothy E. Wirth, Under Secretary for Global Affairs, and Phyllis E. Oakley, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration, both of the Department of State; Lavinia Limon, Director, Office of Refugee Resettlement, Administration for Children and Families, Department of Health and Human Services; and Phyllis Coven, Director, Office of International Affairs, Immigration and Naturalization Service, Department of Justice.

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# House of Representatives

## *Chamber Action*

**Bills Introduced:** 32 public bills, H.R. 4193–4224; 3 private bills, H.R. 4225–4227; and 9 resolutions, H.J. Res. 196, H. Con. Res. 221–223, and H. Res. 538–539 and 541–543, were introduced.

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**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed as follows:

H.R. 3874, to reauthorize the United States Commission on Civil Rights, amended (H. Rept. 104–846);

H.R. 2086, to increase the overall economy and efficiency of Government operations and enable more efficient use of Federal funding, by enabling local governments and private, nonprofit organizations to use amounts available under certain Federal assistance programs in accordance with approved local flexibility plans, amended (H. Rept. 104–847);

Conference report on H.R. 3539, to amend title 49, United States Code, to reauthorize programs of the Federal Aviation Administration (H. Rept. 104–848);

Investigation of the White House Travel Office Firings and Related Matters (H. Rept. 104–849);

H.R. 3158, to amend the Small Business Act to extend the pilot Small Business Technology Transfer program, amended (H. Rept. 104–850);

H. Res. 540, waiving points of order against the conference report to accompany H.R. 3539, to amend title 49, United States Code, to reauthorize

programs of the Federal Aviation Administration (H. Rept. 104–851);

H. Res. 538, dismissing the election contest against Charlie Rose (H. Rept. 104–852); and

H. Res. 539, dismissing the election contest against Charles F. Bass (H. Rept. 104–853).

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**Speaker Pro Tempore:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Goodlatte to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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**Prayer by Guest Chaplain:** The prayer was offered by the guest chaplain, Rabbi Melvin Glazer, Congregation Olam Tikvah, Fairfax, Virginia.

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**Suspensions:** The House voted to suspend the rules and take the following actions:

**Comprehensive Methamphetamine Control:** Passed H.R. 3852, amended, to prevent the illegal manufacturing and use of methamphetamine. Bill was debated on Wednesday, September 25 (passed by a yea-and-nay vote of 386 yeas to 34 nays, Roll No. 434);

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**Drug-Induced Rape Prevention and Punishment:** Passed H.R. 4137, to combat drug-facilitated crimes of violence, including sexual assaults. Bill was debated on Wednesday, September 25 (passed by a yea-and-nay vote of 421 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 435);

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*Sexual Offender Tracking and Identification Act:* Passed H.R. 3456, amended, to provide for the nationwide tracking of convicted sexual predators. Bill was debated on Wednesday, September 25 (passed by a ye-and-nay vote of 423 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 436);

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*Private Security Officer Quality Assurance:* Passed H.R. 2092, amended, to expedite State reviews of criminal records of applicants for private security officer employment. Bill was debated on Wednesday, September 25 (passed by a ye-and-nay vote of 450 yeas to 6 nays, Roll No. 437);

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*False Statements Accountability:* Agreed to H. Res. 535, providing for the concurrence of the House, with an amendment, in the amendments of the Senate to the bill H.R. 3166, to amend title 18, United States Code, with respect to the crime of false statement in a Government matter. Resolution was debated on Wednesday, September 25 (agreed to by a ye-and-nay vote of 424 yeas, Roll No. 438);

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*Snoqualmie National Forest Boundary:* Passed H.R. 3497, amended, to expand the boundary of the Snoqualmie National Forest. Bill was debated on Wednesday, September 25 (passed by a ye-and-nay vote of 417 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 439);

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*Commending Americans Who Served During the Cold War:* Agreed to H. Con. Res. 180, amended, commending the Americans who served the United States during the period known as the Cold War. Agreed to amend the title;

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*Removal of Russian Troops From Moldova:* Agreed to H. Con. Res. 145, concerning the removal of Russian Armed Forces from Moldova (agreed to by a ye-and-nay vote of 425 yeas, Roll No. 440);

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*U.S. Membership in Regional South Pacific Organizations:* Agreed to H. Con. Res. 189, amended, expressing the sense of the Congress regarding the importance of United States membership in regional South Pacific organizations. Agreed to amend the title (agreed to by a ye-and-nay vote of 416 yeas to 6 nays, Roll No. 441);

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*Removal of Russian Troops from Kaliningrad:* Agreed to H. Con. Res. 51, amended, expressing the sense of the Congress relating to the removal of Russian troops from Kaliningrad. Agreed to amend the title;

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*Travel and Tourism Partnership:* Passed H.R. 2579, amended, to establish the National Tourism Board and the National Tourism Organization to

promote international travel and tourism to the United States;

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*Tensas River National Wildlife Refuge:* Agreed to the Senate amendments to H.R. 2660, to increase the amount authorized to be appropriated to the Department of the Interior for the Tensas River National Wildlife Refuge—clearing the measure for the President.

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*Wyoming Fish and Wildlife Facility Conveyance:* Passed S. 1802, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain property containing a fish and wildlife facility to the State of Wyoming—clearing the measure for the President;

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*Prairie Island Indian Community:* Agreed to the Senate amendment to H.R. 3068, to accept the request of the Prairie Island Indian Community to revoke their charter of incorporation issued under the Indian Reorganization Act—clearing the measure for the President;

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*Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians:* Passed H.R. 3804, amended, to remove the restriction on the distribution of certain revenues from the Mineral Springs parcel to certain members of the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians;

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*Alaska Natives Study:* Passed H.R. 3973, amended, to provide for a study of the recommendations of the Joint Federal-State Commission on Policies and Programs Affecting Alaska Natives;

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*Helium Privatization:* Passed H.R. 4168, to amend the Helium Act to authorize the Secretary to enter into agreements with private parties for the recovery and disposal of helium on Federal lands;

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*Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act:* Passed H.R. 2505, amended, to amend the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act to make certain clarifications to the land bank protection provisions;

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*Congressional Pension Forfeiture:* Passed H.R. 4011, amended, to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide that if a Member of Congress is convicted of a felony, such Member shall not be eligible for retirement benefits based on that individual's service as a Member (passed by a ye-and-nay vote of 391 yeas to 32 nays with 1 voting "present", Roll No. 443);

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*National Museum of the American Indian Act:* Passed S. 1970, to amend the National Museum of the American Indian Act to make improvements in the Act—clearing the measure for the President;

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**Internet Election Information Act:** Passed H.R. 3700, amended, to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to permit interactive computer services to provide their facilities free of charge to candidates for Federal offices for the purpose of disseminating campaign information and enhancing public debate;  
**Pages H11319–21**

**Water Resources Development Act Conference Report:** Agreed to the conference report on S. 640, to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, to authorize the Secretary of the Army to construct various projects for improvements to rivers and harbors of the United States;  
**Pages H11322–30**

**National Transportation Safety Board Amendments:** Agreed to the Senate Amendment to H.R. 3159, to amend title 49, United States Code, to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 1997, 1998, and 1999 for the National Transportation Safety Board—clearing the measure for the President.  
**Pages H11330–34**

Subsequently, the House, considered by unanimous consent, and agreed to H. Con. Res. 221, directing the Clerk to make corrections in the enrollment of H.R. 3159.  
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**Hydrogen Research and Development:** Passed H.R. 4138, to authorize the hydrogen research, development, and demonstration programs of the Department of Energy;  
**Pages H11337–40**

**Suspensions Failed:** The House failed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

**American Land Sovereignty Protection Act:** H.R. 3752, amended, to preserve the sovereignty of the United States over public lands and acquired lands owned by the United States, and to preserve State sovereignty and private property rights in non-Federal lands surrounding those public lands and acquired lands (failed to pass by a yea-and-nay vote of 246 yeas to 178 nays, Roll No. 442, two-thirds required to pass); and  
**Pages H11273–80, H11354**

**Civil Service Reform:** H.R. 3841, amended, to amend the civil service laws of the United States (failed to pass by a yea-and-nay vote of 224 yeas to 201 nays, Roll No. 444, two-thirds required to pass).  
**Pages H11340–52, H11355–56**

**Unanimous Consent Consideration:** By unanimous consent, the House agreed to consider the following measures:

**Assistance To Families of Law Enforcement Officers:** House passed S. 2101, to provide educational assistance to the dependents of Federal law enforcement officials who are killed or disabled in the per-

formance of their duties—clearing the measure for the President;  
**Pages H11247–48**

**Sexual Offender Tracking and Identification:** House passed S. 1675, to provide for the nationwide tracking of convicted sexual predators. Subsequently, H. 3456, a similar House-passed bill was laid on the table—clearing the measure for the President;  
**Pages H11248–50**

**W. Edwards Deming Federal Building:** House passed H.R. 3535, to redesignate a Federal building in Suitland, Maryland, as the “W. Edwards Deming Federal Building”;  
**Pages H11334–36**

**Robert Kurtz Rodibaugh United States Courthouse:** House passed H.R. 3576, amended, to designate the United States courthouse located at 401 South Michigan Street in South Bend, Indiana, as the “Robert Kurtz Rodibaugh United States Courthouse”;  
**Pages H11336–37**

**Recognizing the End of Slavery in the United States:** House passed H. J. Res. 195, recognizing the end of slavery in the United States, and the true day of independence for African-Americans;  
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**Election Contest Dismissals:** House agreed to H. Res. 538, dismissing the election contest against Charlie Rose; and H. Res. 539, dismissing the election contest against Charles F. Bass;  
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**Printing Authorization:** House agreed to S. Con. Res. 67, to authorize printing of the report of the Commission on Protecting and Reducing Government Secrecy;  
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**Capitol Guide Volunteers:** House passed S. 2085, to authorize the Capitol Guide Service to accept voluntary services—clearing the measure for the President;  
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**Vice Presidents of the United States:** Agreed to S. Con. Res. 34, to authorize the printing of “Vice Presidents of the United States, 1789–1993”; and  
**Pages H11357–58**

**Susan B. Anthony, Elisabeth Cady Stanton, and Lucretia Mott Monument:** Agreed to H. Con. Res. 216, providing for relocation of the Portrait Monument.  
**Pages H11358–59**

**Legislative Program:** Pursuant to H. Res. 525, the rule providing for expedited procedures for the remainder of the 2nd Session of the 104th Congress, Representative McInnis announced measures for consideration under suspension of the rules for Friday, September 27.  
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**Referrals:** S. 1897, to amend the Public Health Service Act to revise and extend certain programs relating to the National Institutes of Health, was referred to the Committee on Commerce; and S. 1973,

to provide for the settlement of the Navajo-Hopi land dispute, was referred to the Committee on Resources.

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**Senate Messages:** Messages received from the Senate appear on pages H11231–32 and H11365.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Eleven yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H11243–44, H11244, H11244–45, H11245–46, H11246, H11246–47, H11352–53, H11353–54, H11354, H11355, and H11355–56. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** Met at 10:00 and adjourned at 12:00 midnight.

## Committee Meetings

### INTERNATIONAL GLOBAL CLIMATE CHANGE

*Committee on Commerce:* Subcommittee on Energy and Power held a hearing on the status of the International Global Climate Change Negotiations. Testimony was heard from Eileen Claussen, Assistant Secretary, Oceans, International, Environmental, and Scientific Affairs, Department of State; Everett M. Ehrlich, Under Secretary, Economic Affairs, Department of Commerce; David Gardiner, Assistant Administrator, Office of Policy, Planning, and Evaluation, EPA; and Marc Chupka, Acting Assistant Secretary, Policy and International Affairs, Department of Energy.

### HOME TESTING SERVICES AND DEVICES

*Committee on Commerce:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on consumer access to home testing services and devices. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the FDA, Department of Health and Human Services: Bruce Burlington, M.D., Director; and Lillian Gill, Director, Office of Compliance, both with the Center for Devices and Radiological Health; and Steven I. Gutman, M.D., Director, Division of Clinical Laboratory Devices; and public witnesses.

### CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL SERVICE

*Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on the financial status of the Corporation for National Service. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Corporation for National Service: Gary Kowalczyk, Acting Chief Financial Officer; and Harris Wofford, CEO.

### TEENAGE DRUG USE EPIDEMIC

*Committee on Government Reform and Oversight:* Subcommittee on National Security, International Affairs and Criminal Justice and the Subcommittee on

Early Childhood, Youth and Families of the Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities held a joint hearing on the epidemic of teenage drug use. Testimony was heard from Representative Portman; and public witnesses.

### POSTAL REFORM ACT

*Committee on Government Reform and Oversight:* Subcommittee on Postal Service concluded hearings on H.R. 3717, Postal Reform Act of 1996. Testimony was heard from Representative Hunter; and public witnesses.

### ADMINISTRATION'S PERFORMANCE IN AFRICA

*Committee on International Relations:* Subcommittee on Africa held a hearing on the Administration's Performance in Africa. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### U.S. INTERESTS IN SOUTH ASIA

*Committee on International Relations:* Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific met in executive session to hold a hearing on U.S. Interests in the South Pacific: Freely Associated States and Okinawa, Part II: The Okinawa Basing Issues. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Kurt Campbell, Assistant Secretary, East Asian and Pacific Affairs; and Maj. Gen. Martin R. Steele, USA, Director, Strategic Planning and Policy, U.S. Pacific Command; and Robert C. Reis, Jr., Director, Office of Japanese Affairs, Department of State.

### U.S. POLICY TOWARD IRAQ

*Committee on National Security:* Held a hearing on U.S. policy toward Iraq. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Bruce Reidel, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Near East and South Asian Affairs; and Maj. Gen. J.A. Alstyne, USA, Vice Director, Operations, the Joint Staff.

### INDIAN TRUST FUND

*Committee on Resources:* Task Force on Indian Trust Fund Management held an oversight hearing on the mismanagement of Indian Trust Fund accounts by the Department of the Interior. Testimony was heard from Paul Homan, Special Trustee for American Indians, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

### OROVILLE-TONASKET CLAIM SETTLEMENT AND CONVEYANCE ACT

*Committee on Resources:* Subcommittee on Water and Power Resources held a hearing on H.R. 3777, Oroville-Tonasket Claim Settlement and Conveyance Act. Testimony was heard from David Cottingham, Counselor to the Assistant Secretary, Water and